MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE
61st LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE, LIVESTOCK AND IRRIGATION

Call to Order: CHAIRMAN DONALD J. STEINBEISSER, on January 15, 2009 at 3:00 P.M., in Room 335 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:
    Sen. Donald J. Steinbeisser, Chairman (R)
    Sen. Terry Murphy, Vice Chairman (R)
    Sen. Gary Branae (D)
    Sen. Taylor Brown (R)
    Sen. Bradley Hamlett (D)
    Sen. Ken (Kim) Hansen (D)
    Sen. Verdell Jackson (R)
    Sen. Cliff Larsen (D)
    Sen. Rick Ripley (R)

Members Excused: None.

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Joan Linkenbach, Committee Secretary
                Sue O'Connell, Legislative Branch

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

    Hearing & Date Posted: SB 130, 1/2/2009; SB 167, 1/7/2009

        Executive Action: SB 130, SB 126, SB 104

00:00:47 Chairman Steinbeisser

HEARING ON SB 130

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:01:26 **SEN. BRADLEY HAMLETT (D), SD 10,** opened the hearing on **SB 130,** Repeal livestock entry transportation permit requirement.

EXHIBIT(ags09a01)

Proponents' Testimony:

00:06:31 Christian MacKay, Montana Board of Livestock

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:09:44 Sen. Hansen
00:09:57 Sen. Hamlett

Closing by Sponsor:

00:10:30 Sen. Hamlett

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 130

00:11:27 **Motion/Vote**: SEN. HANSEN moved that **SB 130 DO PASS.** Motion carried unanimously.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 68

00:13:02 Chairman Steinbeisser
00:13:13 **Motion**: SEN. MURPHY moved that **SB 68 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

00:13:32 Sen. Hamlett
00:14:26 Sue O'Connell, Legislative Counsel
00:14:50 Sen. Jackson
00:15:49 Sen. Steinbeisser
00:16:24 Sen. Murphy withdrew his motion that **SB 68 DO PASS.**
00:16:44 Sen. Jackson

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 126

00:17:11 Steinbeisser

00:17:28 **Motion**: SEN. MURPHY moved that **SB 126 DO PASS.**

Discussion:

00:17:53 Sen. Braney

00:18:15 **Vote**: Motion that **SB 126 DO PASS** carried unanimously.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 104

00:19:21 **Motion**: SEN. RIPLEY moved that **SB 104 DO PASS.**

00:19:36 **Motion**: SEN. BROWN moved that **SB 104 BE AMENDED.**

EXHIBIT(ags09a02)

Discussion:

00:21:02 Sen. Ripley

00:21:29 **Vote**: Motion carried unanimously.

00:21:35 **Motion**: SEN. STEINBEISSER moved that **SB 104 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

Discussion:

00:22:06 Sen. Larsen
00:22:32 Sen. Hamlett
00:23:28 John Grainger, Inspector, Montana Agriculture and
         Livestock (MAL)
00:24:22 Chairman Steinbeisser
00:25:01 Mr. Grainger (MAL)
00:24:32 Sen. Jackson
00:25:20 Mr. Grainger (MAL)
00:25:47 Sen. Ripley
00:26:22 Sen. Hamlett
00:26:37 Mr. Grainger (MAL)
00:27:34 Sen. Hamlett
00:27:40 Mr. Grainger (MAL)

00:27:59 **Vote**: Motion carried unanimously.

HEARING ON SB 167

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:28:38 **SEN. RYAN ZINKE (R), SD 2,** opened the hearing on **SB 167,** Increase penalties for abandonment or starvation of horses.

EXHIBIT(ags09a03)

Proponents' Testimony:

00:36:21 Jane Heath, Director of Montana Horse Sanctuary (MHS)

EXHIBIT(ags09a04)

00:38:36 Harold Blattie, Montana Association of Counties (MACo)

EXHIBIT(ags09a05)

00:41:43 Sarah Smith, University of Montana
00:42:27 Patty Lesofski, Premier Developers

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:44:41 Sen. Larsen
00:46:27 Sen. Ripley
00:47:33 John MacKay, Montana Agriculture and Livestock (MAL)
00:52:06 Sen. Ripley
00:52:20 Sen. Zinke
00:54:18 Sen. Steinbeisser

Closing by Sponsor:
00:54:31 Sen. Zink

Discussion:

00:55:24 Sen. Jackson
00:55:46 Sen Zinke
00:55:52 Sen. Jacksen
00:56:11 Sen Zinke
00:56:38 Sen Jacksen

` **ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 4:00 P.M.

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JOAN LINKENBACH, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

EXHIBIT(ags09aad.pdf)